

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 13 and 14 with the following amended paragraph:

An engine water temperature sensor 23 and a crank angle sensor 24 are also attached to the body of the engine 1. The engine water temperature sensor 23 detects an engine water temperature TW, which is the temperature of cooling water circulating within a cylinder block of the engine 1 (hereinafter called the "engine water temperature"), and sends a detection signal indicative of the engine water temperature TW to the ECU 25. The crank angle sensor 24, on the other hand, outputs a CRK signal and a TDC signal, which are pulse signals, to the ECU 25 every predetermined crank angle as a crank shaft, not shown, of the engine 1 is rotated. An intake pressure sensor 26 is attached to the intake pipe 1a for detecting an absolute pressure PB within the intake pipe 1a and sending a detection signal indicative of the absolute pressure PB to the ECU 25. An atmospheric pressure sensor 30 is provided for detecting an atmospheric pressure PA and outputting a detection signal indicative of the atmospheric pressure PA to the ECU 25. An external air temperature sensor 27 (ambient temperature detecting means) is also provided for detecting an external air temperature TA and outputting a detection signal indicative of the external air temperature TA to the ECU 25. An alarm lamp 28 is further connected to the ECU 25 for generating an alarm by lighting when it is determined that the absorbent 16 is deteriorated.